

TESTIMONY OF CHUCK AND JODI GAIETTO
Seneca County
IN OPPOSITION TO Sub. H. B. 114

Chairman Balderson, Vice Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the Committee, our names are Chuck and Jodi Gaietto. We have 112 acres of farmland that we enrolled into the Wetland Reserve Program with a permanent easement on the property with the help of the Ohio Division of Natural Resources back in 2007.

This work created a wildlife habitat in our county second to none! We have eagles, Trumpeter swans (endangered in the State of Ohio), Osprey, American Kestrel, numerous species of ducks, geese, deer and wild turkey on our land. The setbacks being proposed are going to cause even more danger and death to these birds as they migrate through this area.

The Ohio Division of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife organizations have invested over three quarters of a million dollars into creating this preserve and now it is going to be destroyed by the wind turbines! Our property currently provides nesting areas for a large variety of waterfowl, feeding grounds for the Kestrel, Osprey, and eagles. Our property, developed by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources was deemed so instrumental for this habitat and yet now it is going to be destroyed largely in part by the setbacks.

This ground lies in a direct line to Garlo Nature Preserve (which also has a very large wetland on that property) especially during the spring and fall migration seasons. How will the birds and waterfowl navigate safely between these wetlands among this cluster of turbines? As we said, we are adamantly against these dangerous setbacks proposed for our county. And we believe affected township voters should have the right determine their own zoning.